PRÆDICTIO Astrologica.

The great and vvonderfull Prognostication, for the yeare of *our Lord* 1598.

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Chap. 1.

Of the enterance of the Sunne in the first point of Aries, and of the Planets that are Lordes of the yeare.

WE read in the holy scriptures, that great kingdomes and princely Cities for their sinnes haue beene altered and brought vnder the gouernement of strange nations: and that many townes for their wickednesse haue beene punished, and brought in subiection: and Christ sayth, that we neuer know him but when wee are visited with some affliction. I find by right calculation, that this yeare of our Lorde 1598. according to the meridian of the towne of Deuentre, and other places lying vnder 52. degrées and 40. minutes, and after the olde stile beginneth vpon the 10. of March, and according to the new stile vpon the 20. of March in the afternoone, a little after 12. of the clocke, when the sunne entreth into Aries, at which time it standeth in the middle of the element, and then night and day through all the worlde are all of one length, and as Ouid saith, noua temporis ætas, then the Sunne by his heat openeth the earth, and reuiueth it, which by the cold of the Winter season was deade and withered, making grasse, trées, and all thinges else so fayre and grœne, that it maketh all creatures liuing to reioyce, and therevpon all learned men are of opinion, that this time of the year, the world, heauen, and earth, and all the creatures therein were created, and many wonderfull workes of God performed therein as the deliuery of the children of Israel out of Ægipt, the conception of the Virgin Mary, and after that his passion, death, and resurrection vpon the same day. I find Saturne ascendent Eastwarde in the 24. degrée of Sagittarius in the second house, Iupiter in the 2. degrée

of Cancer, in the 8. house, Mars in the 4. degrée of Taurus & the 6. house, the Sunne in the first degrée of Aries, and the 4. house, Venus in the thirde degrée of Aries and the 4. house hard by the Sunne, Mercury in Pisces, the Mone in the 11. degrée of Pisces, and the 4. house, the Dragons heade in the first degrée of Gemini in the seuenth house, and so beginneth this year 1598. whereby we plainely see, that the Mone and Mercury are Lords of the yeare, and Mars assistant, and are both founde in a watery signe. The rest of the planets for the most parte are weake and badly plac'st, wherevpon we must grounde our iudgement, and proceede accordingly, making the situation and coniunction of euery Planet, whereby it is found, that this shall bee none of the best yeares, for that the effects of the yeares 95. 96. and 97. do yet continue, whereby I iudge, that this yeare many craftie and secreat enterprises will bee wrought both by water and by land, and that there is a speciall matter pretended, which will be to the ouerthrow and aduancement of diuers persons, whereby certayne prouinces shall bee brought into extreame misery and desolation, specially such countries as lie vnder Cancer, and her quadrangle, as Braban', Flanders, Fraunce, and the prouinces bordering vppon it. Cipriānus Leouitius saith touching the reuolution of this yeare, that it threatneth vs with much rayne, great sickneſſe, and bloudy and cruell warres, as also that certaine Princes and great men both spirituall and temporall shalbe ouerthrowne and cast in prison, whereby much misery and grieuous alterations shall happen among the common people: for that in this reuolution of the world the effect of two eclipses, one of the Sunne, the other of the Mone shall happen. Wherefore I counsell all good Christians to be watchfull, that these thinges come not sodainly vppon them, and so I will ende this Chapter with the wordes of Dauid.

Psal. 126. Ni Deus ædificet frustrà domus illa paratur,
Quam volet humanus constituisse labor.
Ni Deus inuigilet, frustra custode tuentur.

Chap. 2.

Of good and euil fortune, strife & contention betweene men and women, being young and louely like Venus dearlinges, vpon whom all the world doth cast their eyes.

FOr that mans nature is addicted to hear and see strange thinges, I haue here set downe the signification of the heauenly influences of this yeare 1598. which I write to giue cause of watchfulnesse to carelesse men: I find by the right calculation of the prouincial figure, that louely Venus, coupeled with Iupiter and Mercurie, signifieth good fortune to Venus children, women, yong maides, and all sweete Venus dearlinges, which gladly take all that is giuen them, they shall haue good fortune by gifts, presentes, Iewelles, apparell, and other toyes, which if they haue not it will be great griefe vnto them. I finde the Planet Venus well placed in Aquarius, which signifieth great fauour to all women in generall, as well spiritual as temporal: women shall by nature flourish, and be loftie, they shall be much beloued, and diuers that are of meane parentage and degree, shall by mariage rise and be preferred to high estate, but some of them must take care that when they are at the highest, that they kéep themselues at that stay: such proude & lordly women, that often stumble at a straw, and are some troden vpon the toes, which alway sing the vnpleasant song, they shall cause great sorrow and grief vnto their husbands by chiding and contention, for that a woman which chideth without reason, doth often driue her husbande out of doores, whereby shall arise strife, hartes griefe, mourning, and other misfortunes. I finde Mars and Venus in coniunction. Dabit incestas, libidines, fornicationes, adulteria, coniunctiones virorum ac mulierum horrendas & abominandas. In the last part of the yeare I find there will bée great deceit and vntruth among men, whom women and maides shall

sede with fayre wordes, and pay them with the like, standing much vpon their credites and reputations, also I find the Planet Venus to bee retrograde, which signifieth great quarrels and contentions with such as men haue made of their secreat counsels, whereupon shall follow griefe, sorrow, and diuers diseases. You shall likewise heare of great strife betweene men and their wiues, whereby controuersie will arise, so that many weddinges shall be holden, where there wil be no musicke, and where the Lorde or rulers of the land shall be betrayed. I find also in the prouinciall figure, that Iupiter is eleuated aboue Venus, which signifieth that womens nature is alwayes desirous of pleasure, for they are the mother of our generation: They shall also bee fortunate in childbearing, and are worthy of honour in all places. The quadrangle of Mars and Venus bringeth no good tydinges to olde men, and others that vse many women, for they shall be bitten and not hurt, euery man looke to himselfe and be careful.

Chap. 3.

Of the Eclipses of this yeare 1598. and of wars and contentions, and other vntrue dealings among men, which the Almightie God according to his great goodnes can change and conuert as pleaseth him, and of the beginning & ending of the Turkes.

WE are al greatly to prayse the Lord, that he hath giuen vs the right knowledge of Astronomie, and made vs know the nature of Eclipses, to shew causas, rationes & demonstrationes, and when the Sunne and Moone are eclipsed, diuers continuations of the vppermost Planets are openly seene, (which neuer fayleth) as you may read in the books of ancient Astronomers, as also in writings. I find that in this yeare 1598. we shall haue three Eclipses, one of the Sunne, and two of the Moone: the first Eclipse of the Moone will bee seene here in our meridian and Pole, being vnder 52. degrees and 40. minutes

nutes in the Towne of Deuentre and other places bordering on the same, vpon the 12. of Februarie at 6. of the clocke and 34. minutes in the morning, in the third degrée and 3. minutes of Virgo, not farre from the Dragons tayle, and will beginne to be eclipsed at 4. of the clocke and 24. minutes, and in the morning end at 8. of the clocke 14. minutes: we of Deuentre and the low countries shall sée the beginning and the middle, but not the end thereof: the effect and working of this first Eclipse shal continue a whole yeare. The second Eclipse shall be of the Sun, and shalbe séene vpon the 25. of Februarie (Stilo antiquo) somewhat before 10. of the clocke, and (Stilo nouo) vppon the 7. of March before 10. of the clocke and 48. minutes, and shal be 8. points great, in the 17. degrée and 14. minutes of Pisces, not farre from the Dragons head, it shall beginne to darken at 9. of the clocke, and 50. minutes before none, and end at 11. and 46 minutes. This Eclipse shall take effect the 17. of July 1598. and end the 22. of June 1600. The third Eclipse shalbe of the Mone, which shall be séene vpon the 6. of August, and after the new stile the 16. of August, at 7. of the clocke and 35. minutes after none: the colour thereof shall be blacke, mixed with some redde, in the 23. degrée and 29. minutes of Aquarius, not farre from the Dragons head, and shal begin to darken in the euening at 5. of the clocke and 51. minutes, and end the same euening at 9. of the clocke: we of the Netherlandes shall not sée the beginning thereof, but onely the middle and the end. Luna enim tota tenebrosa ab Horzionte nostro ortiuo emerget. This Eclipse shal take effect the 24. of August (Stilo antiquo) and ende on the first of December 1598. The Arabian and Chaldean Astronomers say, that one Eclipse of the Sun is worse then 6. Eclipses of the Mone, specially when they happen in one month, as now they doe. Vno mense subit tenebras cum Lumine, Tunc gemina causa tristia fata ferunt. We haue this yeare like wise diuers coniunctions and aspects of Planets, which signifie much warres, troubles, mutinies, bloodshedding, and secret practises in the low Countries, and those that lie West southwest from it. The countries and kingdoms that lye Eastward towardes the rising of the Sunne, and vnder A-

Pro eo. vt me diligerent, detrahebant mihi.

ries, Cancer, Leo and Scorpion, shalbe vexed with warres, bloudshеddings, and secret practises, which are Grecia, Turkie, Muscouia, Swethland, Russia, Walachia, and certaine countries in the Mediterranean sea, as Marsellus, the Prouince of Languedoc, Gascony, Dauphine, Fraunce, England, Hungary, Bohemia, Austria, Crabuten, Corinthia, Vianne, Seuenbergen, and such as are contributary to the Turke, the people thereof shalbe spoyled, & brought into great miseries (as Leountius saith) In the yeares 1544. 48. and 49. in which there appeared diuers Eclipses in Scorpion, the Turkes and other Christians that had fallen from the fayth of Christ had a great ouerthrowe by the mightie king of Persia, as Historiographers do witnesse. Also the Emperours Maximilian and Rodulphus, with other mighty Princes, as Sigismund Bathorius in Transiluania, and diuers princes and Lordes that haue rebelled against the Turke, with other Princes and Lordes by Gods helpe for certain yeares haue had great fortunes and victories against our auncient enemy the Turke: so shall the Christian princes by Gods power, as chief of al princes haue much more good fortune and aduancement against the Turke and Sarrasens, so they follow it, as the olde verse sayth, Fronte capillata post est occasio calua: We may sit at a table and yet eate no meate, and so the good fortune that God sendeth vs may be neglected, if wee follow it not, and for that in the yeare 1584. it was the fiery Triangle, and that the Turkes Empire began in the watry Triangle, so his Empyre shall decay and bee ouerthrowne in the fierie Trigonis or Triangle, which decay hath beguinne now within selue yeares vnder the fiery Triangle, as in the yeares 1595. 96. and 97. it hath well béene seene, but the greatest fall and hardest pinch that the kingdome of Mahomet shall indure, according to my iudgement shall be in the yeares 1603. or 1607. and then in an. 1610 it shal be wholly ouerthrowne. Such propheties certaine of the Turkes themselues do write, which they do much feare, and are grieued thereat, for in the said propheties it is euidently said, that the Citie of Constantinople shal not continue aboue 150. years in his authoritie, neyther yet their religion aboue 1000. years, as also that there shal not be aboue 14. Emperours of Turkey, that

that are of Ottomans race, and then it shall decay and be wholly ouerthrowne, which if it happen all Christendome hath cause to reioyce. The Citie of Constantinople was taken from the Christians by the Turke in anno 1453. and Mahomets false religion began among the Turkes in an. 613. now if you adde 150, to 1453. which is the yeare of the winning of Constantinople by the Turkes, and 613. to 1598. to see when it maketh 1000. yeares for the continuance of Mahomets law, they will fall out in an. 1603. and 1613. and the Turke that now is called Mahomet the thirde is the 14. Emperour of the race of Ottoman, as all Historics do witnes, touching that which hath bene written by Iohn Lichtenberg, Martin Snellenbergh, and specially by Iohn Hilten a learned Fryer of Eisanach, that when we shall write 1600. the Turke by that time shall haue run through al Germany, but whereupon they write it I know not, vnlesse I be otherwise instructed: Wherewith I will end this Chapter with the wordes of *Martin Luther*, Lord God we beseech thee help vs, not for that the heauens and course of the planets do threaten vs with many miseries, but because the subtiltie of the Diuell at this day doth crepe and enter into all corners of the earth, and seeketh to destroy vs. Lorde bee mercifull vnto vs. Amen.

Chap. 4.

Of sicknesses and fruitfulnes of this yeare.

HAuing considered the constitution of ỹ 6 house and the Lords of the same, from whence and from the coniunction of the Mone we make our iudgement of sicknesses, I finde Saturne to bee Lorde of the 6. house in the Ram, which signifieth new diseases in the head, omnia genera apoplexiæ, cathares, paynes in the hart & breast, laskes, red meliseen, burning feauers, pestilences, agues, yellow and blacke Iandis. The yeare shalbe indifferent

rent fruitful of all kind of corne, as Rye, Barley, Wheat, Oats, Peaſe and Beans, but fruit vpon trées becauſe Venus is found to bee retrograde, ſhall indure ſome hurt, for by reaſon of the quadrangle of Mars, they ſhalbe hindred in their growth: Oyle, Hony, Hops and Flaxe ſhalbe ſcant, but Wine will be good and great plentie: The Sommer ſeaſon ſhalbe cold and moyſt with ſtrong winds, whereby Bées, Sheepe, and fruites of the earth ſhall indure much hurt: all fourefoted beaſtes ſhalbe profitable and giue good increaſe, Butter, Cheeſe and Bacon in great plentie, and an indifferent yeare of Acornes. There wil be no want of fruites, but rather want of amendment in men, for that wickednes dayly increaſeth more and more, and we giue our minds rather to beaſtly cruelties, then loue and Chriſtian humanity.

An Aſtronomicall Diſcourſe of the particular effectes of the 12. Monethes of this *yeare 1598. Written in verſe.*

Ianuarie hath 31. dayes.

THis yeare it ſhalbe wonderfull and ſtrange,
Beginning on the 10. of March to come,
Wherein both Sun & Moon ſhalbe eclipſt,
The Sun but once, the Moon in double fold:
What great effects theſe 3. Eclipſes make
In time the yeare wil plainely make vs ſee,
Once be you ſure no good by them will come,
At the houre of ten ſomewhat before noone,
The fiue and twentie day of Februarie,
The Sunne ſhall be eclipſt, more then eyght points,
And ſo remayne the ſpace of two long houres:
The other two Eclipſes in the Moone,
One about ſeuen of the clocke, and in
The morning, of the ſixt of *Auguſt* next,
Thirteene points great which cauſeth griefe abound,
For diuers Planets then meete in one point,
As *Mars* and *Saturne* both of nature bad,

Being

Being conioynd preſageth vs no good,
And ſeldome one miſfortune comes alone.

February hath 28. *dayes.*

The firſt and laſt dayes of this preſent Month
Mars and *Mercurius* are the gouernors,
Whereby ſtrange thinges ſhall then be heard and ſeene,
With vprores and rebellions manifolde:
The common people thereby ſhall it rew,
Mercurius many ſubtill ſleights ſhall vſe,
But he and his in fine ſhall dearely buy it.
This doth the heauens manifeſtly ſhow,
In Weſterne parts ſhall be accompliſhed,
Till *Peters* bande before the dore doth come,
Or not long after to no little woe,
For *Mars* by night his corne ſhal take in,
And ſtrangely worke in couert of the ſhade,
That men may not behold his actions,
For many thereby might ſore moued be,
What ſhall hereof enſue I will not ſay,
Time will it make t'appeare in open ſight.

March hath 31. *dayes.*

In time of lent beginning of the yeare
When all thinges bud and ſhew both faire and greene,
Pleaſant and ſweete as time of yeare doth ſerue,
Mercurius ſhall by *Mars* be troubled
In other landes, for there ſhall come a Lord
That ſodainely ſhall leape and dance for ioy,
And now the force of *Mars* being decaide,
Sol entereth, and with heate and vertue rare,
And like a bryde beginneth for to raigne,
Whereby this yeare ſhall be moſt flouriſhing,
With more increaſe then had the yeare before,
Which will bee cauſe of loue and peace likewiſe,
But at the firſt it ſhall not take effect:
Aſke *Saint Gregory* the moſt holy man,
When that the Sunne beginnes in force to be,

The Planets *Venus* and good *Iupiter*
Wil vs ſupport, God ſend our cuntry peace.

Aprill hath 30. *dayes.*

It is a thing that commonly is ſeene,
Both in great Realmes and little prouinces,
That ſtrange effects are wrought in euery place,
As France ſhal make it plaine vnto our view,
There ſhal the cocke gainſt nature bring forth egs
And Hen like cocke ſhall crow and that full high,
Which husbandman ſmall profit will procure:
For he that badly hath a time to ſow,
Shall find but ſmall increaſe for him to mow,
Saint Denis he ſhall turne and ſo rebell,
Whereby great miſchiefe will thereof enſue,
Gainſt right and ancient ſtatutes of the land,
And in the end will cauſe a ſpring of hate,
To flow vp and increaſe in noble harts,
Which likewiſe ſhall our land make deſolate,
By flattery which ſlily ſhall creepe in.

May hath 31. *dayes.*

Walke ioyfully in the field in *May*,
Paſſe time away by making garlands ſweete
Of fragrant flowers and Lillies that are fayre,
Be bold I ſay to ſport your ſelues with ioy,
Mars he is gone to *France* here it is cold,
Lillies are here ſo ſoone not to be had,
Keep wel your holds, your ſconces watch & ward:
Borrow new ſummes vpon the quittance olde,
Make alliance, but yet with good foreſight,
Leaue of to mourne & ſigh, it is not good.
That which full ſtout did ſtand ſhal haue a fall,
He that was proude in all his actions,
And among beaſts accounted fierce and ſtrong,
Shall become weake in that he takes in hand,
And too much luſt ſhall make him impotent.

Iune hath 30. *dayes.*

Looke out to Sea, watch and you ſhall behold,
Great ſtore of ſhippes ſayling in companies,
The riches of God Neptune to defende,
But wordes ſhal cauſe a noyſe and tumults ſtrange
The noiſe of Phifes and Drums ſhal ſound ful high
Ships you ſhal ſee to winde and twine each way,
Where ſhot and powder ſhal not ſpared be;
That ſhall not fayle, men may it not neglect,
Much blood it ſhal cauſe to be ſpilt in vayne,
Yet little profite ſhall it breed thereby
To common people, which are not eſteemde,
Many a man ſhall fall into miſhappe
That liu'd in peace and had the worlde at wil:
Aske good *S. Iohn* he ſhal you wonders tell,
And *Mary Magdaline* ſhal weepe ful ſore,
S. Iacob will at large ſhew what it meanes.

Iuly hath 31. *dayes.*

As we this month do thoroughly behold,
And books peruſe that ſpeake of wonders ſtrange,
And likewiſe men be mindful and take care,
In euery place to looke vnto our ſelues,
Then we may ſay and proue it to be true,
That in this month many ſhal weep and waile,
Such as do vnder *Cancer* ſtill remayne,
Hoping by anker hold ſtill to be ſafe,
With ditch and ſluce from water you defend,
You that vpon the water dwell and build,
Looke well vnto your ſelues, and take good heed,
That it deceyue you not vnto your coſt,
On land great matters ſhalbe practiſed,
If they ſhould chance to loſe their ſleeue it is no harme
So that the arme from body be not cut,
And though they ſhould be hindred by the cold
Yet will they paſſe, God ſpeed them on their way
If ſhoe be loſt, the foote it will not fayle.

Auguſt hath 31. dayes.

This Month hath an Eclipſe, but to no good,
Which is the ſecond of this years hard chance,
Three darke Eclipſes cauſes are of woe,
And torments great, that manifold ſhall be,
For ſure I thinke that all euill aſpects
And Planets badde that in the ſkyes are plac'd,
With ſignes of wo haue banded all in one,
To worke diſpight to humane creatures,
A league ſhall be agreede by wicked men,
Euen to the ſpoyle of their next neighbours houſe,
By fighting, ſtrife, contention and debate,
To ouerthrow the poore and innocent.
If you behold the Equinoctiall line,
And marke how the eclipſed figures ſtand,
You may deuine an enterpryſe in hand,
To ouerthrow the land that lyeth ſouthweſt,
Betweene ſome men accord there ſhall be made,
Whereby in fine a peace it will enſue:

September hath 30. dayes

Agree in one moſt Chriſtian Princes braue
By God ordaind your Countries to defend,
That Turke preuayle not gainſt vs with his power,
And Chriſtian blood be ſhed by tyrants vile,
Stand vp and fight for our moſt holy faith,
Which we do hope will be vnto our ioy,
For in the Eaſt the infidels will ſtirre,
That onely ſeeke to rob, ſpoyle, and deſtroy:
England and *Fraunce* ſhall likewiſe haue a change,
And ſodainely by meanes of ſome great charge,
The one ſhall firſt vpon the other fall,
Which will fall out but hardly for them both,
Full many townes that on the Roane do lie,
Shall by deceit be brought vnto decay:
Contention ſhall abound, but in Sauoy
It ſhall proceed vnto moſt bloody end:

Saint Mathew ſhal full many ſeperate,
Which ſhalbe led like ſheep for to be ſlain.

October hath 31. dayes.

The rage of *Mars* ſhall now ſtill more abounde,
Mammon ſhall ſtirre moſt vile rebellion,
Whereby full ſoone many ſhal weepe and wayle,
And countries ſtrange ſhall torments great indure,
The ſubiect poore, ſhal onely beare the ſmart,
For that deceite ſhal ketch them in her ſnare,
By meanes of *Mars* his ſubtill practiſes,
He ſhal ſpeake fayre but onely with the mouth,
But ſecretly his hart is ſet on blood,
Which many ſeeke, like vnto thirſtie houndes,
Beware poore people what ye vndertake:
It were much better, though vnto our ſhame,
Our mindes were ſet on quietneſſe and peace,
But now the worlde and her inhabitants,
Is fild with pride, deceite and wickedneſſe,
For which the Lord as angry doth vs ſcourge
With bloody wars within our natiue land.

Nouember hath 30. dayes.

I haue in other places ſignified,
That children vnder *Iupiter* his power,
Shal in the eyght houſe of the heauenly ſpheare,
By euill aſpect much paine and wo indure,
Which at this time accompliſhed ſhall be:
Beware you Lords and gouernors ech one,
Looke to your ſelues, and ſeeme not to neglect,
Leaſt that the burthen heauily do fall,
And ſo diſpearſe you by diſvnion,
For that great blame vpon you will ariſe,
It is moſt true, and therefore looke vnto it,
And for your wicked life ſhal ſo fall out,
The great oppreſſion of the Goſpel pure,
The ſtrange iniuſtice vnto euery man

Are sinnes of yours, for which God doth vs plague,
And layes his crosse vpon vs euery day,
For that our workes are wholly wickednesse:
If we conuert God will withdraw his wrath.

December hath 31. dayes.

By placing of the figures we may see,
And course of planets giue vs t'vnderstand
Howe that this strife falling most heauily,
Shall still endure, although it seeme all done,
And from this place in other countries slide,
Which likewise may procure them double woe,
And though within this month it fall not out,
Yet time will make it euidently seene,
Therefore I need not much thereof to say,
On Planets can I not so surely binde,
Although full many thinges they do foreshew,
For God that guideth all things by his power,
(As often I haue said, and find it true,
What euer Planets threaten to befall)
Can at his will conuert and make them voide.

FINIS.